

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  DALLAS COUNTY WIRELESS, INC.	DOCKET NO. ETA-2014-0002
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**ORDER APPROVING RELINQUISHMENT OF  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION**

(Issued August 7, 2014)

On July 11, 2014, Dallas County Wireless, Inc. (DCW), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a notice of relinquishment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205. DCW explains it seeks to relinquish its ETC designation because it is no longer providing telecommunications services. DCW states its assets were sold and assigned to Iowa Wireless Services, LLC (iWireless), effective January 31, 2014.

The history of DCW's operation as an ETC is as follows: T-Mobile License LLC (T-Mobile) was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide commercial mobile radio service in the state of Iowa. T-Mobile entered into a spectrum leasing arrangement with DCW for a defined service area (the "Defined Service Area"). On February 20, 2008, DCW applied to the Board for designation as a competitive ETC; on April 10, 2008, the Board granted the application for such designation in the Defined Service Area. DCW then registered with the Universal

Service Administrative Company (USAC) and was assigned a USAC filer identification number and a service provider number.

DCW states that in connection with the sale and assignment of substantially all of its assets to iWireless, DCW has closed its active business operations and is no longer providing telecommunications services supported by the federal Universal Service Fund (USF). DCW explains it has been conducting its day-to-day business operations under the iWireless brand, and the transfer of its assets to iWireless has been and will continue to be nearly imperceptible to consumers, including subscribers with current service plans from iWireless. DCW also states it has submitted a request to USAC to deactivate its USAC filer identification and service provider numbers.

Federal law at 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205 require a state commission to allow an ETC to relinquish its ETC designation when the following conditions are met: (1) the designated area served by the ETC seeking relinquishment is served by more than one ETC; (2) the ETC provides advance notice to the state commission; (3) all of the customers in the designated service area continue to be served; and (4) sufficient notice is provided to allow the remaining ETCs to purchase or construct adequate facilities necessary to serve the customers.

In support of its Notice of Relinquishment, DCW states that as a competitive ETC, it provided telecommunications services in areas served by more than one ETC. According to DCW, as of the date of its notice to the Board, the Defined

Service Area was being served by various rural and non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers and other wireless telecommunications carriers that will continue to provide service as ETCs. DCW states that telecommunications services supported by the federal USF will continue to be offered by at least one ETC in the individual wire centers in the Designated Service Area and that no carrier will need to acquire or construct additional facilities.

DCW explains that prior to and as of January 31, 2014, the date its transaction with iWireless closed, DCW was not serving any Lifeline customers. DCW states it will file ETC certifications and reports as appropriate for any periods in which it provided telecommunications services, but will not be seeking certification as an ETC for high-cost support for any additional periods and will not be filing ETC reports going forward.

Based on the unopposed representations in DCW's filing, the required conditions have been satisfied. The area is served by more than one ETC; DCW's filing provided notice to the Board; the transfer of assets from DCW to iWireless was imperceptible to subscribers with current service plans from iWireless, i.e., the customers in the Designated Service Area continue to be served; and there is no need for any remaining carrier to purchase or construct additional facilities. The Board will approve DCW's relinquishment of its ETC designation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The "Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designation" filed on July 11, 2014, by Dallas County Wireless, Inc., is approved.
2. The Board directs Dallas County Wireless, Inc., to notify the Universal Service Administrative Company that the relinquishment is complete.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.